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Date: Tue, 25 Oct 94 16:45:34 GMT  
From: n6mmm@n6mmm-mac.ccmail.com (Gary Lau)  
Subject: Callsign/address databases-privacy issue

In article <1994Oct23.095342.477@sfpp.com>  
longo@sfpp.com (Bob Longo) writes:

> To help the government with their failure in this  
> area, I recommend that you get one of those private PO boxes (where mail can be  
> delivered to a street address) and use that address on your vehicle  
> registration and drivers license.

Even that isn't always fool proof. In California, although you can use  
a PO Box for your mailing address, you still need to provide your  
residence address as well to the DMV.

And-- if you have one of those commercial PO Boxes that resemble a  
street address and used that as a residential address, the CA DMV  
eventually finds out your actual residence address (I know-- I'm  
figuring the DMV got my true residential address from my insurance

company or the area public utilities. Eventhough they mailed the bills and other misc. info to the mailing address, what a surprise last year during vehicle registration renewal that my residential address appeared on the new registration slip...)

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Date: Mon, 24 Oct 94 19:51:02 MST  
From: david@stat.com (David Dodell)  
Subject: Interest in KaGold mailing List?

I am interested in starting a Kagold mailing list to exchange hints, files etc.

I can maintain the mailing list on my site, but before I do so, I would like to see if there is an interest.

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Date: Tue, 25 Oct 1994 14:56:52 GMT  
From: gary@ke4zv.atl.ga.us (Gary Coffman)  
Subject: NoCal OO goes after Packet BULletins

In article <1994Oct24.205835.11821@news.csuohio.edu> sww@csuohio.edu (Steve Wolf) writes:

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>The point is being missed. Are packet bulletins addressed to either  
>"all" or a like form of "all" (MUSIC, SEWING, CRAFTS, NAFTA, etc.)  
>indeed informational bulletins?  
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>Is there a difference between:  
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>1. My tuning in a W1AW transmission and listening to an ARRL bulletin.  
>2. My tuning in a packet BBS station and reading an ARRL bulletin.  
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>I submit that both forms of the bulletin are the same. I end up with  
>identical information. In both cases, the bulletin is an  
>"informational bulletin". In both cases, the transmission is  
>one-way. There is not an exchange between two stations. The form  
>that the data takes is irrelevant. The mode upon which the data is  
>transferred is again irrelevant.

I disagree. You have to do more than "tune in" to a packet BBS. You have to establish a two way connection and \*request\* the information. It's third party traffic pure and simple. Two amateur stations are participating in information exchange.

>Then, what is the difference between:

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- >1. My tuning in a packet BBS and reading an ARRL bulletin.
- >2. My tuning in a packet BBS and reading a bulletin about cooking.

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>I again submit that both forms of bulletin are identical. Even a >request (buried in the recipe) from a cook for more cooks to respond >is nothing but a "CQ" and, again, a one-way flow of information.

Again, you do more than "tune in", you must \*request\* the information. Unlike broadcast, you are an active participant in the process. A CQ is not a true one way transmission. It is an integral part of establishing a two way exchange of information. It's a solicitation for a response.

>If there is no difference, could W1AW begin harassing Clinton about >his viewpoints on foreign trade (in their bulletins)? Could they >discuss cooking or sewing? We must agree that the rules would >prohibit such bulletins.

Yes, because they are true broadcasts. Anyone passively listening gets them. Packet bulletins are fundamentally different in that active participation is required.

>Because we use error correction causing a "connect" to be required does >not change the fact that a packet radio bulletin is a one way transmission. >It is not addressed to a ham. It is addressed to the ham community, >to the general public, just like the W1AW bulletins. The changing of >the definition of a "bulletin" due to the medium upon which it is >transferred is not proper.

If you take this line, then you must squelch all roundtable and net operations. Just like the packet bulletin, each station makes statements to the participants and awaits responses from whomever is interested in the topic. Packet bulletins are no different except that they are not conducted in realtime. They are simply the packet version of the roundtable or net. If the topic of discussion is allowable on a net or roundtable, it's also appropriate for packet bulletins.

Bulletin is misleading terminology in this respect. The destination address header should instead be considered as a special interest group address, or as we call it here in netnews, a newsgroup. In

other amateur use, we'd call it a net or roundtable. The key is that people have to "check in" to participate, on packet or on a voice net. It's not primarily a passive activity like listening to W1AW. With W1AW all you \*can\* do is listen, because they don't monitor the frequencies on which they broadcast.

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